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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL

1. CARLOS VALENZUELA M., FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL (NUMBER THREE IN HIERARCHY AND RANKING CAREER OFFICER IN MINISTRY), DEPARTS DECEMBER 21 FOR VISIT TO U.S. AND CANADA. HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 3 - 13.
 2. VALENZUELA TOLD DCM THAT HIS MISSION IN WASHINGTON IS TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM TO DETERMINE WHAT CHANGES IN GOC POLICY WOULD HAVE IMPACT IN U.S., TO EXAMINE ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING OF CHILEAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, AND TO ATTEMPT IDENTIFY HIGH-CALIBER FIRM TO ACT AS LOBBYIST FOR CHILE.
 3. VALENZUELA SAYS HE HAS ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS WITH SEVERAL SENATORS (E.G., MANSFIELD, SCOTT, MONDALE, GOLDWATER) AND PROMINENT AMERICANS (E.G., CARDINAL CUSHING AND JAMES RESTON).
 4. VALENZUELA'S ONLY REQUEST WAS THAT WE TRY TO ARRANGE CALL ON PAT HOLT OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF AT HOLT'S CONVENIENCE DURING TEN DAYS HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON.
 5. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, VALENZUELA'S ONLY APPOINTMENT IN DEPARTMENT WITH WITH SAM LEWIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, POLICY PLANNING STAFF, AS FOLLOW UP TO RECENT POLICY PLANNING TALKS
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HERE. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, BELIEVE YOU WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO

HAVE A CHAT WITH VALENZUELA WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON.

6. REQUEST YOU HAVE SOMEONE SEEK HOLT APPOINTMENT AND NOTIFY
CHILEAN EMBASSY AND DO WHATEVER YOU CAN REGARDING ADDITIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS.

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